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Title: Need to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu is the largest district in the state of Tamil Nadu. This district is having a large number of colleges which provide a great platform for quality education in the field of engineering, arts, social science, law, commerce and journalism. Moreover, large number of Central Government offices and Public Sector Units are located in Pudukkottai district and the families of Defence personnel are also settled there.

The Government of India has started Kendriya Vidyalayas with the objective of providing educational facilities of a unique standard throughout the country to the children of Central Government employees whose jobs are transferable. Recently, the Union Government has decided to set up 107 new Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country. However, Pudukkottai is not having any Kendriya Vidyalaya. There is, therefore, an urgent need to set up one such Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pudukkottai which is a long-pending demand of the people of this district.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu at the earliest.